

House Health Policy Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a practicing medical manual therapist, (MMT), in the State of Michigan, I am concerned with the language in the proposed House Bill 5218 which will amend sections 16131 and 16263 of 1978 PA368.

Where as I believe that licensure is a necessary requirement for any profession claiming for to provide health care for the public, the Amos/AMTA bill does not, (1) provide clear explanation as to acceptable curriculum and classroom requirements which may then negate the ability of a therapist from applying for and receiving licensure to practice massage and or related disciplines within the State of Michigan, even being retro active.

This would, (2) directly cause unintentional consequences of undo burden upon the citizens and therapists of this State, which would include myself, in the loss of career and loss of wages.

I therefore respectfully believe that the Amos/AMTA massage bill should be deemed void for vagueness until such time as the language should be made more clear as to intent so as to protect myself and fellow therapists past, present and future from unintentional damages which may arise from loss of career or otherwise limited practice until such time if ever, we may qualify according to the vague requirements of the Amos/AMTA massage bill.

May I respectfully submit that for legislation to be effective in its intent it must be clearly stated so as to prevent unintentional consequences and possible future mischief, as well as for providing for specific intent. My research shows that nearly three thousand and in fact one source suggests that as many as ten thousand massage therapists in the State of Michigan may be negatively affected should the Amos/AMTA massage bill pass with language as written. I believe this unacceptable.

Article One of the Bill of Rights for the State of Michigan states that there shall be "No exclusive privileges". Does the AMTA share this conviction when they ask legislation for the "exclusive privilege" to have only THEIR standards and language as required for massage licensure for the entire State of Michigan?

Please keep in committee House Bill 5218 until the ENTIRE massage community will be fairly represented and in agreement or please kill House Bill 5218.

Respectfully,

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